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BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS

In re Application of

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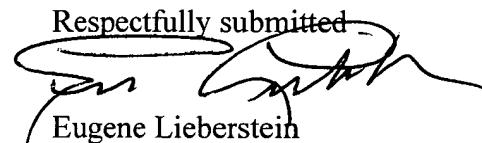
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In the above-referenced application, a Notification of Non-Compliance With 37 CFR 1.192(c) dated January 12, 2004 was received indicating that the appeal brief filed on October 24, 2003 is defective because language between section (8) (Argument) and section (9) (Conclusion) appeared to be missing.

Upon checking the file, it was discovered that the reason for the missing language was the fact that the October 24, 2003 appeal brief was saved on applicant's computer system as A4-size paper (8.27" wide X 11.69" long) but was actually printed on regular-size paper (8.5" wide X 11" long) which resulted in certain text (including the page numbering and the footer at the bottom of each page) being lost on print.

Applicant therefore re-submits a complete copy of the appeal brief in triplicate, including all of the pages containing all of the language therein.

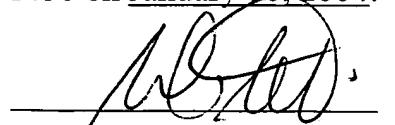
Accordingly, applicant respectfully considers the appeal brief to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c).

Respectfully submitted

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